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BRITISH AMBASSADOR SAUNDERS, WHO ALSO ACCREDITED EQUATORIAL GUINEA, TOLD ME THAT HIS CONSUL DOUALA ATTENDED SEPTEMBER 29TH CELEBRATION OF PRESIDENT MACIE'S ASSUMPTION POWER IN BATA WEEK BEFORE LAST. (FYI: ASSUMPTION POWER HAS REPLACED INDEPENDENCE DAY OCTOBER 12, OBSERVED UNTIL 1975. END FYI). MACIE MADE TWO HOUR LONG SPEECH IN FANG AND SPANISH. SPANISH PORTION SAID, INTER ALIA, THAT EG DID NOT REPEAT NOT BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US, BUT US WITHDREW ITS DIPLOMATS FROM EG. HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN EG. MY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS INFORMATION FROM BRITISH COLLEAGUE MUST HAVE SOUNDED SOMEWHAT APPREHENSIVE, SO THAT SAUNDERS STRESSED USE OF INDEFINITE ARTICLE BY MACIE AND SUGGESTED, FACETIOUSLY, THAT USG MIGHT WANT TO SEND SOMEONE TO EG WHO IS IN DOG HOUSE. MACIE ALSO MENTIONED LOSING OVER \$2 1/2 MILLION FROM ALLOTEY COCOA FRAUD AND HAVING PAID \$300,000 ATTORNEY'S FEES SOMEONE NAMED WILLIAMS. SPIRO

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